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Ms. Ellen Siero pays courtesy visit to PM Eman



Ellen Siero, owner of the well known Aruba company, Car Colours NV in Tanki Leendert and also of "Car Colours Real Estate NV" has been visiting Aruba annually for more than 16 years.

Her parents invested in Aruba and now Ellen and her brother, Paul Siero, feel they are part of Aruba's economic

development. This is the reason they paid a courtesy visit to Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman, who first met the family 16 years ago when they started their business here.

It was a pleasant get together that surely will bring positive results for Aruba's economic future.

Also forming part of the

US Justice Dept. investigates JPMorgan

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Justice Department has opened an investigation into JPMorgan Chase's more than \$2 billion trading loss that the Wall Street bank announced last week, media reports said yesterday.

The Wall Street Journal, citing a person familiar with the matter, said the probe was at an early stage and it was unclear what possible legal violation the investigators may be focusing on.

The Washington Post said the Justice Department had launched a criminal probe of the matter, citing a law enforcement source familiar with the situation.

A JPMorgan spokeswoman declined to comment on the reports.

News of the investigation came as JPMorgan's embattled chief executive, Jamie Dimon, faced criticism at the company's annual shareholders meeting over the shock loss.

Dimon announced last Thursday the blunder had cost the storied Wall Street bank \$2 billion in recent weeks that could balloon to \$3 billion by

the end of June.

The Wall Street Journal reported the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New York field office is leading the inquiry, according to an official briefed on the matter.

Last week the Securities and Exchange Commission reportedly began its own review of the matter, the Journal said, citing another person familiar with the matter.

Hollande sworn in as new French president



AFP photo shows Francois Hollande being awarded "Grand Maitre" in the Order of the Legion of Honor, from chancellor of France's National Order of the Legion of Honor, General Jean-Louis Georgelin, as he is officially named as France's president on May 15, 2012 at the Elysee presidential Palace in Paris. Francois Hollande was sworn in as president of France yesterday with a solemn vow to find a new growth-led strategy to end the crippling debt crisis threatening to unravel the eurozone



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Tourism Growth Measures drive Myopic Policy and Management



Prof. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson, PhD, MSc.

Last week, the United Nations World Tourism Organization published their quarterly report on the state of global tourism affairs. In their report they conclude that International tourist arrivals worldwide grew by 5.7% in the first two months of 2012. Demand remained strong in both advanced and emerging economy destinations, despite economic constraints in many of the source markets of Europe and North America. According to

the forecast prepared by UNWTO at the beginning of the year, international tourist arrivals are projected to increase by some 3% to 4% in 2012.

In the first months of 2012, growth was positive in all regions, with the exception of the Middle East (-1%), where there were nonetheless encouraging signs of recovery, such as in Egypt (+32% in the first quarter). South-East Asia and South Asia (both at +10%) led growth by subregion.

In Europe (+5%) results were above expectations, boosted by the strong growth in arrivals to Central and Eastern Europe (+8%) as well as to destinations of Northern Europe and Western Europe (both +6%). Europe's performance is a continuation of an already solid 2011, when international arrivals increased by 6% overall to over 500 million. Demand has held up surprisingly well in the comparatively mature advanced economy destinations of Northern, Western and parts of Southern and Central Europe, despite continued concerns about the economy.

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OP-ED Controversy over proposed second wind farm at Urirama

There is a storm brewing over Aruba's Alto Vista Chapel, a site that islanders and visitors have long associated with tranquility and spirituality; it is time for all those agitated by the news of a proposed wind farm constructed in the vicinity to take a few turns around the adjacent Peace Labyrinth, calm down, and rationally consider the issue.

Yesterday evening, a protest March4Environment took place on L.G. Smith Boulevard just prior to an informative meeting at the Dr. Ed Cheung Center of Innovation regarding said project, to demonstrate popular dislike for the location of the new wind farm. There are a number of practical and technological issues to raise over this proposed project, but yesterday's march was very much an emotional outpouring; righteous indignation at what is felt will be a gross intrusion of modern technology on a beloved site of culture and history.

Considering the vast uninhabited expanse of Aruba's north coast, it is a natural question: Why there of all places? At time of writing this, we have yet to hear the arguments for this particular location over others, though obviously the coastline within the confines of Arikok National Park would be off limits, so how many other spots would actually be viable?

A primary practical objection to another wind farm is simply the impractical concept of "putting your eggs in one basket" mind set, particularly when it comes to methods of harnessing "clean" energy. In January, visiting experts from Harvard frequently mentioned the issue of intermittencies, where the whims of weather will often interfere with opti-

mal use of wind or solar power. The idea of a diverse "power portfolio" deploying a variety of energy sources to most efficiently provide uninterrupted power is obviously the wisest path, if not the cheapest, in the opinion of most informed engineers.

One informed source cited the concept of Social, Technical, Economic and Political questions (S.T.E.P) and issues surrounding wind farms, even at a global level. Protestations regarding the wind farm's possible damage to the environment have already been disproved by the Vader Piet Wind Farm, and "environment" is NOT one of the words comprising the acronym of S.T.E.P. Admittedly, the impact study was commissioned by the company that wishes to

build and profit from the Urirama wind farm, so this should give all pause when considering its conclusions.

The issue has generated such controversy THE MORNING NEWS feels compelled to comment; even though all those at the paper sympathize with the emotional issues of intruding on a very special place in the hearts of all Arubans, with the likelihood of ruining its unique and ethereal ambiance, it is very practical and economic reasons that put this project in doubt. We feel all those opposed to the Urirama wind farm should get acquainted with these more practical arguments when making their point. They will be brought forward in a follow up column after the information evening.



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due to Ascension Day. Our offices will
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May 21st at the regular schedule.

We apologize for any inconvenience
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in ICT**

Gender equality is a basic human right
and it is one of the main objectives of the UN Millennium
Development Goals (MDGs). ICTs are tools that can help accelerate progress towards
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using the power of ICTs to provide new digital opportunities,
end discrimination and empower the female half of the world's population
to achieve their rightful place as equals in the world.

**The theme of this year, "Women and Girls in ICT", aims to ensure that
this vulnerable female half of the world's population will march forward as equals.**

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Thousands against early release of Fortuyn killer



Volkert van der Graaf

Over 35,500 people have signed a petition to prevent Volkert van der Graaf, the man who killed Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn, from being released from prison early.

Hans Smolders, Pim Fortuyn's driver, started the petition. Under Dutch law, prisoners who are well behaved are released once they have served two-thirds of their sentence. This would mean that Van der Graaf

could be released in May 2014.

Van der Graaf shot and killed Fortuyn on 6 May 2002, in the Media Park in Hilversum. In 2003, he was convicted of the killing and sentenced to 18 years in jail.

It is unclear whether there are legitimate legal grounds to prevent his release. Nevertheless, Smolders will present the petition to Deputy Justice Minister Fred Teeven today.

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SETAR organizing info sessions for the public... coming closer to you!



ORANJESTAD -- During the months of May, June and July, SETAR, Aruba's telecommunications company, will be organizing informative and educational sessions to teach clients more about their products and services. This project, dubbed, "SETAR – closer to you," will bring SETAR's people to three districts on the island for info sessions covering 4 specific topics. They will be visiting the Oranjestad, San Nicolaas and Santa Cruz districts.

Clients are encouraged to register to participate to receive information regarding all the technology, products and services that SETAR has to offer. They will inform about their different product lines: Fixed Telephone lines – TeleGratis packages, Mobile Prepaid: new purchase options for prepaid services, Mobile Postpaid: Android and its benefits, Internet: 4G Wireless Broadband and Cable: Cable's new programming and Digital Video Recording (DVR).

The information nights will take place at different locations on different days:

• Tuesday May 22, 2012 at Teleshop Irausquin Plein from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

• Tuesday June 26, 2012, at Teleshop San Nicolaas from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

• Tuesday July 24, 2012, at Teleshop St. Cruz from 6:30 pm pa 9:00 pm

SETAR invites those interested in participating in these sessions to register online via SETAR's website www.setar.aw or to call 114 to register. Because seating is limited to only 50 persons, it is imperative that you register as soon as possible.

You may recall that SETAR had organized similar sessions last year to inform the public about the history of Telecommunication on Aruba.

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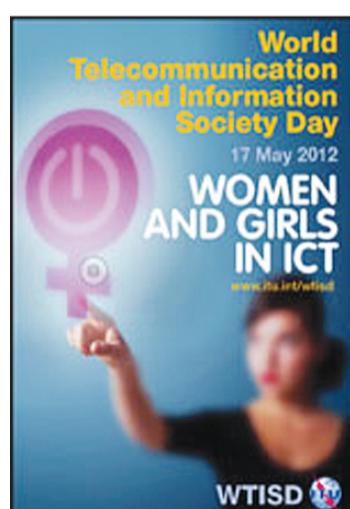
Children & Women in the Technology of Information and Communication: Theme for 2012 World Telecommunication Day!

SEROE BLANCO -- As reported by Aruba's dynamic telecommunications company, SETAR, this year's theme for World Telecommunication Day is women and children in work or study of ICT. In Aruba, there are various women and also young women bringing about a change in the way in which we perceive their role on different fields where previously only men were active.

SETAR also indicated that, despite the fact that we are aware of the many benefits there are in a study of ICT, and in working in this realm, most women and young girls are not considering this field for a career. Perhaps, we need a much broader view of what the field of ICT can offer us.

Most assuredly, says SETAR, the attitude of young women changes when they have an opportunity to visit a company or institution where they can talk to ICT professionals. When they are exposed to what the work of ICT entails, their perspective changes and they become interested in what is innovative and new.

It is for this reason that ITU established a special program



for women on April 4th. It was women's ICT Day!

On this day female university students and girls from other schools were invited to spend the day in the offices of companies working in the field of ICT. This was in an effort to help motivate them to understand the opportunities in this sector and what working in ICT could mean for them in the future.

According to SETAR, here on Aruba, we have various female students, for example, studying in the technical field at EPI, a field in which previ-

ously only male students studied. Parents and teachers can play a role in stimulating girls from an early age to look into the not so traditional type of studies and to encourage them to explore the world of the technology of information and communication.

World Telecommunication Day:

World Telecommunication Day is celebrated annually on the 17th of May since way back in 1969. This day also marked the establishment of ITU. The signing of the first International Telegraph Convention took place in 1865. In 1973 the *Conferencia Plenipotenciario* at Malaga-Torremolinos, Spain instituted the day.

World Day of the Society of Information:

In November 2005, the world summit of the Society of Information appealed to the General Assembly of the United Nations to declare May 17 the World Day of the Society of Information so the world could focus on the importance of ICT and on the many prob-

lems related to the Society of Information which were raised by the world Summit. The General Assembly adopted a resolution (A/RES/60/252) in March 2006 which stipulates that the World Day of the Society of Information would be May 17.

World Day of Telecommunication and of the Society of Information:

In November 2006, the *Plenipotenciario* conference of ITU at Antalya, Turkey decided that both events should be celebrated on May 17 as the

World Day of Telecommunication and of the Society of Information. The 68 adapted resolutions invited all member states and the sectors to celebrate the day annually by organizing national programs to:

- Stimulate refection and interchange of ideas on themes adopted by the counsel.
- Debate various aspects of the theme with partners in the society
- Formulate a report to reflect the national discussion on the theme and to also send feedback to the ITU and its other members.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Indonesia team finds crashed Sukhoi's black box

CIJERUK, Indonesia (AFP) - A search team in Indonesia found yesterday the black box of a Russian jet that could explain how a veteran pilot crashed the new plane into a dormant volcano last week, killing all 45 aboard.

The team of Indonesian searchers and Russian experts had combed the densely forested mountain for days looking for the black box as questions mounted about whether technical failure or human error caused the Sukhoi jet to crash.

The plane lost radio contact and disappeared from radar screens last Wednesday shortly after taking off from Jakarta on what was supposed to be a 40-minute exhibition flight to showcase the Sukhoi Superjet 100.

Analysts have said the mountainous terrain in western Java was difficult even for the most experienced pilots if they were unfamiliar with the area.

The black box, coloured bright orange for visibility, was charred in the crash and will be handed over to the National Committee for Transportation Safety, which is leading the investigation with the help of more than 70 Russian experts.

The twin-engine jet is Rus-

sia's first post-Soviet civilian aircraft and was to be the new mascot for the nation's aviation industry, tarnished by ageing planes that even the country's own airline Aeroflot no longer uses.

The aircraft is a joint venture between Sukhoi and Italy's Alenia Aeronautica, which made its first commercial flight last year.

Questions are swirling over why the plane crashed with an experienced pilot at the helm.

A Russian fact-finding committee has said there were

Obama has up to \$1 million with JPMorgan Chase

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama has up to \$1 million in a JPMorgan Chase checking account, the White House said yesterday as a controversy deepened over the bank's \$2 billion dollar losses.

Public figures in the United States are required by law to publish their assets and investments to avoid conflicts of in-

dications that safety standards were violated.

Key to the mystery is why the pilot requested permission to descend from 10,000 feet (3,000 metres) to 6,000 feet before the plane disappeared from radar screens and slammed into Mount Salak, which rises to 7,200 feet.

The transport ministry confirmed last week that a control tower in Jakarta gave the pilot permission to descend as the plane approached a military base, where mountains reach around 3,000 feet.

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terest, and the White House releases disclosures for Obama and Vice President Joe Biden each year.

As well as the between \$500,000 and \$1 million in the JPMorgan Chase Private Client Asset Management checking account, Obama also has millions of dollars in a variety of other accounts and funds, bonds and treasuries.



COLOMBIA, Bogotá : Riot police officers use tear gas to disperse a group of students demonstrating outside the National University in Bogota on May 15, 2012 hours after a free trade agreement (NAFTA) signed between the United States and Colombia came into force.

AFP PHOTO

Bogota bombing kills five, targets ex-minister

BOGOTA (AFP) - A bomb exploded in a crowded area of Bogota yesterday, killing five people in what Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said was an attempt to assassinate a former interior minister.

"I've just learned that an attempt was made on the life of Mr. Fernando Londono. He was in his armored car," said Santos in a speech from the presidential palace.

Santos said Londono's driver and a police guard were killed in the blast which ripped through an area of northwest Bogota that is normally crowded with pedestrians from nearby office buildings and universities.

"Fortunately, Dr Londono is stable condition in the hospital," Santos said.

Londono was interior minister under former president Alvaro Uribe, a hardliner who

George W. Bush backs Romney for president

WASHINGTON (AFP) - "I'm for Mitt Romney," ex-president George W. Bush told ABC Tuesday, throwing his support behind the likely Republican nominee to challenge President Barack Obama in November elections.

Bush made the remark early yesterday as elevator doors were closing behind him, ABC said on its blog.

The former president has made few media appearances

governed from 2002 to 2010. The Red Cross said five people were killed in the explosion, and 17 others were injured.

The attack came shortly after the police announced they had dismantled a car-bomb that leftist FARC rebels planned to use in an attack on the Bogota police headquarters.

Witnesses said the blast, which occurred just after 11:00 am, appeared to have been from a bomb placed on a public bus, but officials could not immediately confirm that.

Television stations aired images of the scene that showed a green van with the roof blown open.

Half a dozen vehicles were incinerated in the explosion, AFP journalists on the scene said.

during the Republican primary campaign, but his support for Romney was not a surprise.

The candidate had already received the backing of the elder George H. Bush, president from 1989 to 1993, in March.

George W. Bush was visiting Washington Tuesday to speak about human rights.

Since leaving the White House in January 2009, Bush has generally refrained from criticizing his successor.

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LONDON (AFP) - British prosecutors accused ex-Rupert Murdoch aide Rebekah Brooks, the former News International (NI) chief, her husband Charlie Brooks and four people who worked for her were charged with trying to hide evidence from police investigating the interception of voicemails by the now-closed tabloid. Brooks, 43, and her husband, who is a former racehorse trainer and schoolfriend of Prime Minister David Cameron, criticised the "weak and unjust" decision. **AFP/file-Photo**

Haiti's deputies approve policies of new prime minister

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) - Haiti's lower house of parliament on Monday approved the general policies of the country's new prime minister, Laurent Lamothe, putting an end to nearly three-month long political crisis.

Chamber of Deputies president Levaillant Louis-Jeune said that 76 deputies voted in favor, six against and three abstained.

Lamothe, 39, said he is basing his government policies on fighting extreme poverty and protecting the environment.

"I invite all the forces of the nation to work with greater harmony and national unity so that together we make this country of Haiti we all dream, a land of hope and social success," Lamothe said.

Martelly tapped Lamothe for the position after the resignation in February of then-prime minister Garry Conille. In Haiti, the prime minister is

appointed by the president and mainly serves as cabinet chief.

An electrical blackout just ahead of the vote left the lawmakers in the dark for about half an hour.

Lamothe received a political science degree from Barry University in Miami and earned an MBA at St Thomas University in Florida. Known as a keen sportsman, he played tennis for Haiti in the Davis Cup.

He became foreign minister in Martelly's government in October.

The Martelly administration is trying to ramp up stalled reconstruction efforts following the devastating January 12, 2010 earthquake that flattened large parts of Port-au-Prince and damaged much of the south of the country.

Even before the earthquake Haiti was the poorest country in the Americas.

International News

Hollande sworn in as French president amid euro turmoil

PARIS (AFP) - Francois Hollande was sworn in as France's first Socialist president since 1995 on Tuesday at a solemn ceremony overshadowed by the debt crisis threatening to unravel the eurozone.

After brief ceremonies in Paris, the 57-year-old career politician was to dash to Berlin to confront Chancellor Angela Merkel over their very different visions as to how to save the single currency bloc.

The new president was welcomed to the Elysee Palace by his predecessor Nicolas Sarkozy, who led him to the presidential office for a private head-to-head and to hand over the codes to France's nuclear arsenal.

Then Hollande ushered Sarkozy to his car for a final farewell, outgoing first lady Carla Bruni exchanging kisses with successor Hollande's partner Valerie Trierweiler, elegant

in a dark dress and vertiginous heels.

Hollande then signed the notice of formal handover of power and headed back in to the palace ballroom.

No foreign heads of state were invited to what was a low-key ceremony for a post of such importance, leader of the world's fifth great power.

After the swearing in, Hollande rode up the Champs Elysees to the Arc de Triomphe in an open-topped Citroen DS5 hybrid, waving to the crowd.

Afterwards Hollande also named Jean-Marc Ayrault, the head of the Socialist bloc in parliament and mayor of Nantes, as his prime minister

But the real work was to begin later in the afternoon, when Hollande was to fly to Berlin from an airbase north of Paris, for tense talks with Merkel, the leader of Europe's biggest economy and France's

key ally.

Merkel was a Sarkozy ally and the architect of the European Union's fiscal austerity drive. Hollande opposed the speed and depth of the cutbacks demanded by Berlin, and wants to renegotiate the eurozone fiscal pact.

New figures released Tuesday showed France's economy still stagnant, with official statistics agency INSEE saying it recorded no growth in the first quarter of 2012.

Hollande also named his day-to-day right-hand man and chief of staff the 61-year-old career civil servant and former regional governor Pierre-Rene Lemas.

As his military attache he will retain the same officer as his predecessor, General Benoit Puga, a 59-year-old former special forces commander.

Hollande's political adviser will be Aquilino Morelle, a 49-year-old politician and communications specialist from a working-class Spanish family, who was notably an aide to former Socialist prime minister Lionel Jospin.

Five more junior advisors were also named in the statement.

Lightning hit Hollande's plane as he flew for Berlin on his first trip abroad as head of state, forcing him to turn back, the defence ministry said.

"For safety reasons and as a precaution, the plane, which was not far from Paris turned back. It landed without problem at Villacoublay and the president took off again in a Falcon 900," the spokesman said.

After the talks with Merkel, Hollande heads to the United States where he is to meet President Barack Obama at the White House on Friday ahead of back-to-back G8 then NATO summits.



PARIS - Shortly after leaving the Elysee Palace on Tuesday, former French president Nicolas Sarkozy went jogging in Paris's Bois de Boulogne park near the chic neighbourhood where he now lives. Right-wing politician Sarkozy left the Elysee Palace with his wife Carla Bruni on Tuesday morning, handing the reins of power to Socialist Francois Hollande who beat him in a May 6 run-off election. Sarkozy has said he wants to spend some time with his former supermodel wife and baby daughter after a gruelling campaign.

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HIV/AIDS patients at higher risk of cardiac death

WASHINGTON (AFP) - People suffering from HIV/AIDS are at much higher risk than the general population of sudden cardiac death, researchers in California have found.

In a paper published Monday in the "Journal of the American College of Cardiology," two professors at the University of California-San Francisco show incidents of "sudden cardiac death" to be four times higher for HIV/AIDS patients, a result the researchers found surprising, according to a university press release.

Hsue and her fellow researcher, Zian Tseng, an electrophysiologist, began their study in 2010 after Tseng noticed an alarming trend in separate research analyzing sudden deaths in San Francisco.

Hsue and Tseng's research focused on 2,860 HIV patients, whose deaths over 10 years were meticulously recorded by

San Francisco General Hospital's Ward 86. Ward 86 was the first clinic specializing in HIV/AIDS to comprehensively characterize all deaths, according to the press release.

The study showed that from 2000 to 2009, 15 percent of patients died of cardiac-related illnesses. Of that group, 86 percent died of sudden cardiac death, four times the rate of San Francisco's general population. The study controlled for age, race and other demographic factors.

The study's findings may be particularly important at a time when improved drug treatments have allowed more HIV/AIDS infected people to live longer.

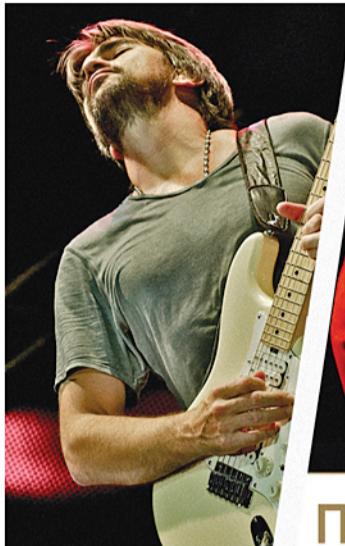
"Now that HIV-infected individuals are living longer with the benefit of antiretroviral therapy, non-AIDS conditions are becoming increasingly important and at the top of this list is cardiovascular disease," Hsue said.



MOGADISHU, Somalia : A critically malnourished child lies on May 14, 2012 on a bed at Banadir hospital in Somalia's capital Mogadishu. Relentless conflict since 1991, drought and insecurity plunged Somalia into the world's worst humanitarian crisis last year, that saw donors contribute more than 800 million US dollars (606 million euros) of the one billion US dollars requested in 2011 to help some 12 million people affected by East Africa's worst drought in decades. The UN declared six regions in southern Somalia famine zones in early 2011 and although it said at the end of that year that three regions were now not facing famine, more than half of Somalia's 10 million people are in dire need of help.

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Aruba International Film Festival expands “96 Hours” Film Lab with the help of Digicel Aruba



The Aruba International Film Festival has announced that it will offer opportunities for interested adults to learn about film and video production in an expanded weeklong film lab which has been kindly sponsored by Digicel Aruba..

After a successful launch in 2011, this year's AIFF Film

Lab -96 Hours- will not only be longer, but will include courses in acting and writing for the camera, in addition to the popular film production course offered last year. Returning students are also being offered an advanced course in production and editing, taking them beyond last years program, along with the new subject matter.

The course is designed to be very hands-on; students will be involved in all phases of filmmaking, from conceptualization to final presentation. Under the tutelage of a trio of experienced film educators they will write, perform, film and edit short videos. These

videos will be shown at a special screening on the final day of the film festival. Classes will be very intense, beginning at 9 am and ending in the mid-afternoon with additional “after school” assignments. The ballroom of the Hyatt Hotel in Palm Beach will become a classroom, and the film festival provides the necessary equipment. Finished projects will be presented during a gala event.

According to lead instructor Darrell Wilson, “Bring just yourself, lots of energy and all your creativity to the AIFF 96 Hours Lab. If you have a video camera, please bring it along. If not, we'll share. A laptop computer will be valuable for editing your work.” Interested participants should expect to dedicate the week to the training. The projects developed during the lab will address some aspect of the island and culture of Aruba as the subject matter.

Wilson is a full time professor at the prestigious NYU film school, as is Daniel Heffernan, who will be working with the returning students on

directing and advanced editing techniques. The third instructor is Maureen Heffernan, who has taken time from her busy schedule to come to Aruba and round out the team. Ms Heffernan is the educational director for Young Audiences New Jersey, the largest of this kind of federally funded organization in the United States. She is widely regarded as a leading arts educator in the state of New Jersey.

Digicel Aruba, the well-known local telecommunications provider, are offering 40 full scholarships for the course. Further information on the AIFF will be available soon in Digicel outlets on how to qualify for the scholarships. Also visit the AIFF website at www.arubainternationalfilmfestival.com to register on-line and learn more about this fantastic program.

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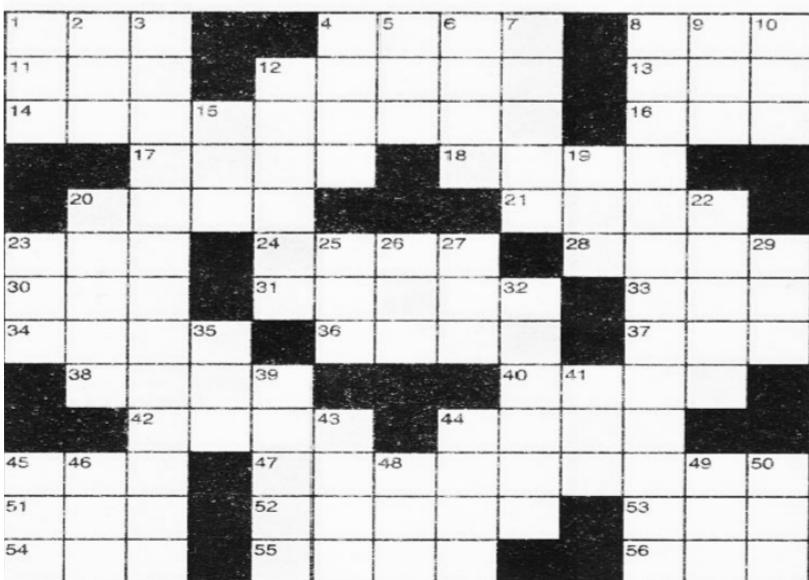
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8. Mercedes competitor (abbr.)		23. Spanish "rah"	45. ___ Miguel
11. Fall into debt		24. Heroic poem	47. Ambassadors
12. Frat letter		28. Actress	51. Galahad's title
13. Comedienne Charlotte ___		Hatcher	
14. "Little Deuce Coupe" group (2 wds.)		30. Broadcast	52. Lunchroom customer
16. ___ cubes		31. ___ boom	53. "Rubbish!"
17. Black and pekoe		33. Thanksgiving treat	54. NYC summer setting
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2. Lamb's mom			
3. Part of the nightly news (2 wds.)			



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6. Carter and Irving
7. Pesto ingredient
8. "...Baby One More Time" singer (2 wds.)
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Tourism Growth Measures drive Myopic Policy and Management

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Africa was the fastest-growing region with an increase of over 7% in international tourist arrivals thanks to continued growth in Sub-Saharan Africa (+7%) and a clear rebound in North Africa (+8%) as Tunisia (+53% in the first quarter) started to recover. Asia and the Pacific saw a 7% increase in tourist arrivals, led by South Asia and South-East Asia (both +10%). North-East Asia (+6%) recorded higher growth as well, with arrivals to Japan up by almost 10% in the first quarter. The Americas also reported significant growth (+6%), driven by the sustained strong demand in South America (+8%) and Central America (+7%). The Caribbean recorded a year-to-date growth of +4%, with Aruba outpacing this growth with +5%.

In terms of the economic contribution, international tourism receipts continued to recover from the losses of crisis year 2009 and hit new records in most destinations, reaching an estimated US\$ 1,030 billion (euro 740 billion) worldwide, up from US\$ 928 billion (euro 700 billion) in

2010. In real terms, international tourism receipts grew by 3.8%, while international tourist arrivals increased by 4.6% in 2011 to 982 million.

However, growth of tourism receipts continues to lag behind growth of arrivals in times of economic constraints. By regions, the Americas (+5.7%) recorded the largest increase in receipts in 2011, followed by Europe (+5.2%), Asia and the Pacific (+4.3%) and Africa (+2.2%). However, the Caribbean grew by a mere +1%, thus underperforming in terms of economic contribution.

While governments and national tourism agencies are keen to point out the 'hard' growth in tourism as measured by total arrivals, there seems to be a lack of policy and management attention towards the economic contribution and value of tourism for destinations. A mere focus on 'arrivals' is a myopic view of tourism management, one which is simply unsustainable, according to Prof. Dr. Ryan Peterson, UN Research Chair holder of Sustainable Islands.

EU won't budge on the Ukraine deal

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Union told the Ukraine yesterday there could be no further progress in years of efforts to clinch an ambitious trade and political accord until Kiev improved its rights record.

"Our message to the Ukraine is clear," said Danish Foreign Minister Villy Søndal, whose country holds the rotating EU presidency. "All that is needed now is proof of the

Ukraine's commitment to the sharing of European values."

The two sides stepped closer in March, initialising the deal despite tension over the jailing of ex-premier Yulia Tymoshenko that is also threatening the Ukraine half of the Euro 2012 football championships next month.

But the actual signing of the accord, which is part of EU efforts to keep the ex-Soviet state from straying towards

This situation is particularly acute for small (island) destinations, which have surpassed their carrying capacity in terms of 'heads' and 'beds'. Leading sustainable tourism destinations, such as Australia, Singapore, Thailand, and Sweden have changed their tourism policies from quantity to value, which covers both the quality of the tourism product as well as the experience provided to tourists. Subsequently, rather than adopting traditional myopic measures of 'hard' tourism growth, these destinations are measuring, monitoring, and managing the 'total added-value' of tourism, including economic, social, psychological, and ecological measures.

The old adage of 'you can't manage what you can't measure' may well be complemented by 'you manage what you measure' or 'if you do what you've always done, you will get what you always got'. Unless we really start measuring quality and value, sustainable tourism remains ephemeral and a political oxymoron, Prof. Dr. Peterson concludes.

A statement from President Carolos Papoulias's office noted simply that efforts to form a government had failed and that he would hold talks tomorrow with all political parties on setting up a caretaker administration.



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Greece faces new elections as government talks collapse

ATHENS (AFP) - Debt-stricken Greece must hold fresh elections after talks on forming a new government broke up without agreement yesterday, prolonging a tortuous crisis which could see Athens exit the troubled eurozone.

The new polls, expected on June 17, follow an inconclusive election on May 6 when a majority of Greeks voted against the austerity measures which Athens agreed to in return for a massive bailout late last year.

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With no guarantee that Greece's second elections in less than two months will produce a viable government, the prospects now are for prolonged volatility and uncertainty over its future and that of the wider eurozone.

International Monetary Fund head Christine Lagarde raised the possibility that Greece could leave the currency union.

"If the country's budgetary commitments are not honoured, there are appropriate revisions to do, which means either supplementary financing and additional time or mechanisms for an exit, which in this case must be an orderly exit," Lagarde said in an interview with France 24.

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said the collapse of the coalition negotiations was a "severe setback for the urgently needed confidence in Greece's readiness to reform".

Figures issued yesterday showed the Greek economy slumped a massive 6.2 percent in the first quarter compared with a year earlier, driving anger with the austerity policy and reforms.

The response to the talks breakdown on the financial markets was immediate, with European stocks turning lower and the euro slumping below \$1.28.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

MOEDA	COMPRA	VENDA
DÓLAR	195	208
EURO	252	267
BR LIBRA	305	345
DÓLAR AUSTRALIANO	184	214
DÓLAR CANADENSE	185	213
FRANCO SUIÇO	170	225

BRAZIL, Rio de Janeiro :
A man watches the foreign currencies exchange rate on the placard of a bureau de change in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on May 15, 2012, which shows 1,95 Real per 1 US dollar.

An international women's forum will be held here next month to focus on the crucial challenges Brazil faces as a rising emerging power.

The forum will focus on the importance of the new Brazilian middle class for the country's business growth and women leaders, with sessions on diversity, public education and entrepreneurship (AFP PHOTO)

Daily Exchange Rates				
Current as of: 05/15/2012	Currency Code	Buying rate banknotes	Buying Cheques	Selling Rate
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Britain	GBP	2.79	2.84	2.90
Switzerland	CHF	190.30	191.02	191.82
Netherlands	EUR	226.67	228.74	231.04
Sweden	SEK	24.30	25.02	25.82
Denmark	DKK	29.81	30.53	31.33
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With anger running high across Europe over the treatment of Tymoshenko, neither EU president Herman Van Rompuy nor European Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso met Azarov. He did meet with EU chief diplomat Catherine Ashton.

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up

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THE MORNING NEWS taste-testing team had a very, very pleasant surprise when stopping by the newly rechristened Scabeche, located in the Caribbean Palm Villas Resort. Veteran visitors will be pleased to become reacquainted with Anky, who they will recognise from her

years with Aruba's top gourmet eatery, Chez Mathilde, but has now realized her long-time dream of welcoming and befriending patrons in her own charming venue.

Anky has completely remodeled the lovely space

well as the Fruitti di Mare en Casserole, and recommend each of them highly. Scabeche is heaven for seafood lovers, but landlubbers will also be extremely pleased with the Tenderloin Tika, a HUGE steak skewer with loads of fresh vegetables.

Aside from their extremely pleasing and affordable regular menu, each night features some distinctive specialty. Monday is ITALIAN NIGHT including a free Caesar salad, Tuesday is HAPPY HOUR & 2



Steak Tika

within the resort, which is just a short walk from the Palm Beach resort area, to create a delightful ambiance and menu reflecting her great enthusiasm for fine food and quality service. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, after only one year they are receiving rave reviews under the original name, Caribbean Palm Restaurant. Scabeche is homage to the unique regional cooking which is their specialty, native to Peru and other Latin countries, but with a distinctly Caribbean flavor.

We absolutely must rave about their signature dish, Catch of the Day Escabeche, moist and fresh; we had grouper in a singular sauce that has us ready to go back ASAP for another helping. We also sampled the Shrimp and Scallops appetizer and the Ceviche Aruban Style, as

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EURO 2012 - POLAND - UKRAINE

June 8 - July 1



Portuguese with much to prove in tough group



celebrating Portugal's win over Holland at Euro 2004

LISBON (AFP) - With the "golden generation" led by Luis Figo long since retired, Portugal head to Euro 2012 secure in the knowledge that at least expectations will be lower than at the tournament they hosted eight years ago.

Fans of the Selecao are still reeling at the near miss by the team of 2004, when unfancied Greece spoiled the party in Lisbon in the nearest the Portuguese have come to international glory.

Figo and friends, tipped for top honours after under-20 World Cup successes in both 1989 and 1991, had been expected to turn on the style and show their rivals, including then under-achieving neighbours Spain, the way to glory.

But the final defeat crushed home expectations and sent the Portuguese, who had banked on flair winning the day, back to the drawing board.

Eight years on and the tal-

ismanic presence of Cristiano Ronaldo notwithstanding, most observers expect a more cautious approach from coach Paulo Bento, a tough defensive midfielder in his day who won domestic honours with Sporting Lisbon.

Portugal could hardly have asked for a tougher group: their **Group B** rivals -- **Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark** -- are all former competition winners.

For a side which only crawled through the back door of the playoffs to qualify at Bosnia's expense, even getting through the group stage looks a daunting prospect.

Bento took over as national team coach from the sacked Carlos Queiroz early in the qualifying campaign, steering them to runner-up spot before seeing off Bosnia in the playoffs.

A subsequent thrashing of world champions Spain -- albeit in a friendly -- added credit to Bento's ledger, par-

ticularly given that the Spanish had dumped the Portuguese out of the last World Cup.

But their most recent outing was an unimpressive goalless stalemate last against tournament co-hosts Poland.

Portugal will clearly have to step up a gear if they are to get the better of tournament favourites Germany in Lviv on June 9, where they also take on Denmark four days later before a final match against the Netherlands at Kharkiv on June 17.

"Getting through to the knockout stage is a tough call," admitted Bento, who was suspended with Xavier and Nuno Gomes in the 2000 tournament for jostling the Austrian referee in a controversial 2-1 semi-final defeat to eventual winners France.

With the attacking flair of Ronaldo and Manchester United's occasionally mercurial Nani to call on, the Portuguese should carry a threat. Yet a defence which leaked four goals to Cyprus in a home qualifier must rank as suspect.

Against the Dutch, most fans will hope flair can outflank brawn while also producing a similar result the last time the two faced off, at the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

On that occasion a record 16 yellow and four red cards were shown as the Portuguese advanced.

Bento will announce his squad on May 14 in the town of Obidos.

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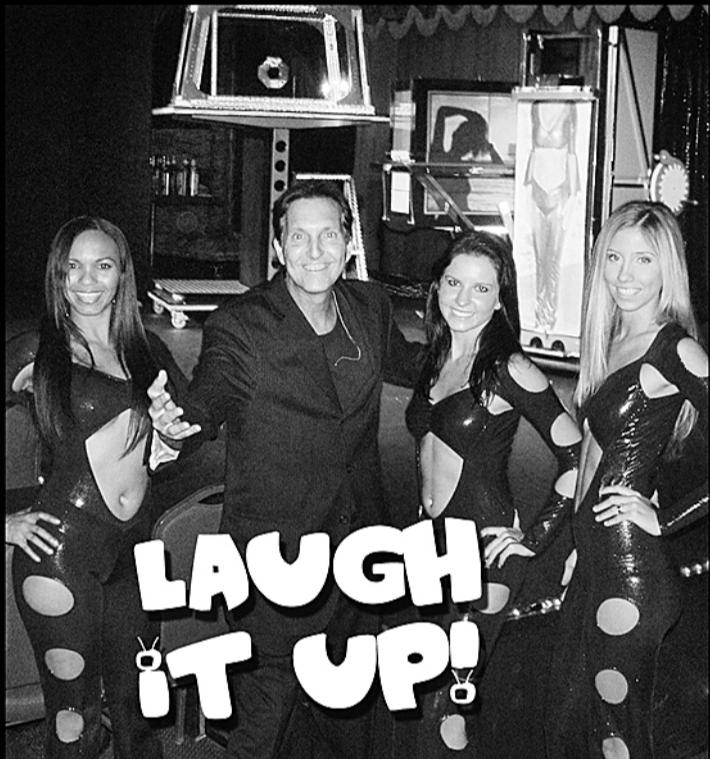
WARSAW - Poland : A Roman Catholic bishop kicks a ball after a blessing of Poland's new national stadium in the capital Warsaw before the start of the Euro 2012, on May 10, 2012. The European football Championship, which runs from June 8 to July 1, is being hosted jointly by Poland and Ukraine.

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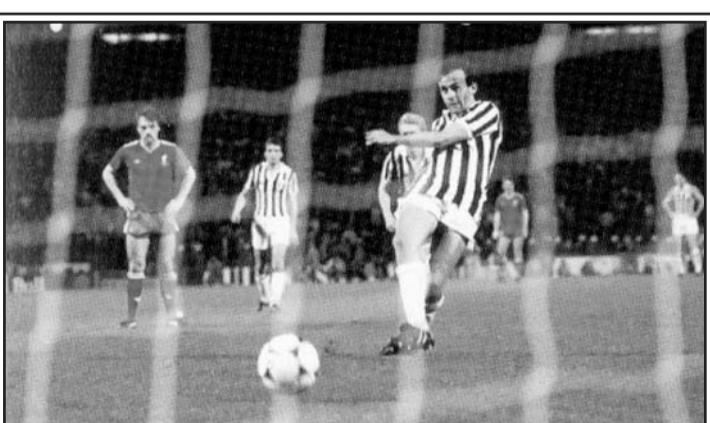
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TAMPA	22	14	.611	--
YANKEES	20	15	.571	1.5
TORONTO	19	17	.528	3.0
BOSTON	16	19	.457	5.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CLEVELAND	19	16	.543	--
DETROIT	17	18	.486	2.0
CHICAGO	17	19	.472	2.5
KANSAS	14	20	.412	4.5
MINNESOTA	10	25	.286	9.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	23	13	.639	--
OAKLAND	19	17	.528	4.0
SEATTLE	16	21	.432	7.5
LA ANGELES	15	21	.417	8.0

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National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
WASHINGTON	22	13	.629	--
ATLANTA	22	14	.611	0.5
NY METS	20	15	.571	2.0
MIAMI	18	17	.514	4.0
PHILADELPHIA	17	19	.472	5.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	20	15	.571	--
CINCINNATI	18	16	.529	1.5
PITTSBURG	17	18	.486	3.0
CHICAGO	15	20	.429	5.0
MILWAUKEE	15	20	.429	5.0
HOUSTON	15	20	.429	5.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
LA DODGERS	24	11	.686	--
SAN FRANCISCO	18	17	.514	6.0
ARIZONA	15	21	.417	9.5
COLORADO	13	21	.382	10.5
SAN DIEGO	12	24	.333	12.5

NBA: Thunder humble Lakers in game one

OKLAHOMA CITY (AFP) - Russell Westbrook scored a game-high 27 points and Kevin Durant had 25 points as Oklahoma City embarrassed the Los Angeles Lakers 119-90 in their NBA Western Conference second-round playoff series opener on Monday.

The well-rested Thunder led by as many as 35 points thanks to 53 percent shooting from the floor and superb performances from starters Westbrook, Durant and reserve guard James Harden, who finished with 17 points.

Westbrook added nine assists and seven rebounds, while Durant grabbed eight boards for the Thunder who

scored the most points of any team in the postseason.

Andrew Bynum finished with 20 points and 14 rebounds, and Kobe Bryant had 20 points for the Lakers who looked tired on Monday. Game two is scheduled for today at Oklahoma City.

Westbrook said he expects the Lakers to come out in game two with a chip on their shoulder.

Oklahoma City led by 15 points at the half and outscored the Lakers 39-24 in the third quarter in front of a crowd of 18,203 at the Chesapeake Energy Arena.

Brooks said the key was stopping Laker stars Bynum

and Bryant.

The Thunder knocked the Dallas Mavericks out of the playoffs with four straight wins, completing the first series sweep of the defending champions in the first round since the Miami Heat were dismissed in 2007.

Oklahoma City and Los Angeles are familiar with each other, having played three times during the regular season, including as recently as April 22 when Metta World Peace was suspended for seven games after his elbow to the head of Harden.

Oklahoma City won the first two regular season contests against Los Angeles by 15 points and nine before Los Angeles rebounded to win the final meeting at the Staples Center in double-overtime.

Half of 2014 World Cup stadiums a concern: FIFA



Manaus and Cuiaba have "medium risk" while Curitiba and Porto Alegre have "low risk", with a greater chance of being ready in time.

The report indicated that two years before the World Cup gets underway, work on the 12 stadiums have progressed on average by 34.4 percent.

"The outlook for the 2013 Confederations Cup is even more critical. FIFA reports delays in three of the four venues for the competition," Folha said.

The Confederations Cup, seen as a dress rehearsal for the World Cup, will be held from June 15 to 30 next year in four confirmed cities: Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, Belo Horizonte and Fortaleza. Recife and Salvador could be added depending on progress on the work.

But the FIFa report said challenges facing the Recife arena "will be hard to overcome", complaining about the "bureaucracy and excessive politicization" in the country

while acknowledging President Dilma Rousseff's determination to speed things up.

Earlier this month, FIFA and the Brazilian government agreed they would each have a representative on Brazil's Local Organizing Committee for the World Cup.

Brasilia will be represented on the committee by Luis Fernandes, a trusted Rousseff lieutenant, whose appointment was seen by analysts as necessary to avoid a collapse of the tournament and to speed up the preparatory work.

Brazil plans to spend billions of dollars to build or modernize stadiums, airports, road and public transport for the World Cup.

But costs for temporary installations such as space for fans, the media and guests were not factored in, which will drive up overall costs.

FIFA has for months complained about delays in renovation or construction of stadiums as well as infrastructure projects for the first World Cup in Brazil since 1950.



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Aruban Aischal van der Linde wins gold in Taekwondo in Canada Open



On Saturday afternoon, Aruban Aischal van der Linde, made history for her native Aruba when she defeated Canadian Sibyl Tan in the double elimination in Taekwondo.

Aischal fought in the adult ladies category up to 49 kilos. This was a championship in the double elimination. Aischal fought 4 fights, which were extremely difficult as she fought against some of the very best fighters in the field of Taekwondo.

Aischal got to the final without losing any games, but then she lost to Canadian Sibyl Tan 1-0 in sudden death. However, because Aischal had not lost any previous games, while Sibyl Tan had lost one, they had to face each other again. Under the guidance of Coach Teo Rodriguez and with the support of the rest of the crew, Aischal faced off to Sibyl Tan for the third time.

This time, the game was in her favor and she succeeded

in winning Canadian Sibyl Tan with a final score of 7-3 and the prestigious Gold Medal for Aruba. This is Aischal's first gold medal in such a big tournament like the Canada Open.

In Aischal's first fight she won 3-1 from Canadian Jerrikka Nahibuan. Aruba is now the proud winner of a Bronze from Stuart Smit and a Gold Medal from Aischal van der Linde in the prestigious Canada Open Taekwondo Games. Coach Teo Rodriguez of Tiger Taekwondo Academy, who prepared Aischal van der Linde of the Aruba Brazil Taekwondo Foundation, is very proud with these medals...especially with the Gold Medal!

Aruba too is very proud of our young people and leaders who excel in their fields of expertise. We are proud of Stuart Smit and Aischal van der Linde....and with Coach Teo Rodriguez who played such a vital role in the Canada Open tournament.



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